

VIRTUAL TAPE STACKER

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A server interface is adapted to communicate with a server and a data path is adapted to communicate with a random access data storage device. A controller is configured to transfer data between the server interface and the data path. The controller is operational so as to manage the data on the storage device as a plurality of sequentially-ordered virtual tape volumes, wherein a loaded one of the virtual tape volumes is unloaded and a next one of the virtual tape volumes is loaded in response to an eject command from the server.